

I would like to express my support for XM Radio local weather and traffic information. I live in Houston, TX and commute 31 miles each way to work each day. The XM radio service is extremely valuable as I can listen to it immediately upon getting into my car in the morning and within 3 minutes I know the traffic status before I even leave my neighborhood. The service has helped me avoid areas of high congestion, shortening the time I spend commuting and my contribution to more congestion. With local radio stations, even the frequent traffic updates are not frequent enough to help avoid incidents, and often not detailed enough to cover the areas of my commute. The city has recently spent a great deal of money putting up electronic messaging billboards to advise of trouble ahead - these are great cues to tune in to XM and see what I should do to avoid the area.

The local radio industry can best support consumers by changing their programming habits, not by legally challenging new and innovative alternatives. They have lost my listening by putting on an endless array of shock jocks, idiots, 10 song play lists, and commercials. If and when their programming is superior to XM's, I will reconsider.

Thanks you.